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Senate Bill SB 108
In Support Of
Health Insurance – Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits
– Coverage and Reimbursement
Finance Committee
Hearing: February 1, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Dear Honorable Senator Melony G. Griffith, Chair, and Honorable Senator Katherine A. Klausmeier, Vice Chair, and other distinguished Finance Committee members,

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) supports SB 108 Health Insurance – Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits – Coverage and Reimbursement and requests a favorable report from your committee.

We strongly support this legislation because we believe it will be of great benefit to all. Requiring health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide annual coverage and reimbursement for comprehensive behavioral health wellness visits is a step in the right direction. There is much in the press today about the need for help for those who have mental and emotional issues. Some time ago, institutions that provided support for that population closed without an alternative available to those who needed that kind of help. Some support is available to those who are fortunate enough to have Medicare with the annual medical visit provided, however, all are not Medicare eligible. Perhaps this provision will go a long way to allow for interventions and curb some of the disturbances and crimes we read and hear about in the daily news.

On behalf of the more than 12,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we respectfully request a favorable report on SB 108.

Sincerely,

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